

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

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**FIELD OF THE INVENTION**

The invention pertains to a device for protecting individuals during a frontal impact with a motor vehicle ~~according to the preamble of claim 1.~~

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**BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION**

Each year many accidents occur in which pedestrians, whether they be children or adults, or cyclists, are hit by a motor vehicle, thrown against the front or engine hood and against the windshield, and usually experience severe injuries. The head and the upper body of an adult pedestrian or cyclist is especially in danger in this case, since it has been shown by crash tests as well as experience that this part of the body during a collision with a motor vehicle hits the front hood in the rear and relatively hard region at the transition to the windshield and is therefore considerably injured.

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**SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION**

The invention starts with this basic design principle.

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**BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS**

The invention will be described more closely by means of a sample embodiment, shown in the drawings in various views.

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Figure 2, a lengthwise section through the device of Fig. [[2]] 1,

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**DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION**

The invented device ~~440~~ 100, represented in the drawings, for protecting individuals during a frontal impact with a motor vehicle, is based on the principle of raising the front hood of the motor vehicle, attached at the windshield end, along with its hinge arrangement in the attachment region, by a predetermined length relative to the chassis of the front body in event of a collision with the individual.

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In the assembled state of the mechanism 19, the plunger 24 protrudes from an opening 5b in the pretensioning plate 5, the helical spring 24b being placed prestressed between the head 24c and the pretensioning plate 5, and also from an opening 8b in the guiding base plate 8 (Figures 1 and 2), while there is an aligned opening 1 d above the head 24c in the seesaw hinge beam 2.

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Since this requires one to activate both devices 100 assigned to the hinge ~~arrangements 200~~ arrangements 200 on either side and, furthermore, one must overcome relatively large spring forces for the compression springs, a reversing rod 26 is inserted into the opening 1d of the hinge beam 2 at each side of the opened front hood 300, as shown in Fig. 15, and the necessary reversing force is easily applied to both plungers 24 by pressing down on the hood at the front end, making use of a lever action.